

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 7 (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A coffee machine comprising:
 - a housing and a brewing chamber disposed within the housing; and
 - a drawer for supplying coffee pads into the brewing chamber, the drawer being removably and detachably connected to the housing.
9. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 8, wherein the drawer has guide continuations which project substantially in the direction of insertion and which engage in guides of the housing of the coffee machine for mounting the drawer in an open position.
10. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 9, wherein the ends of the continuations are at least slightly bevelled with respect to the direction of insertion for centering insertion of the drawer.
11. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 8, wherein in a closed position, the drawer abuts at least partly positively against the housing.

12. (Previously Presented) A coffee machine comprising:

 a housing and a brewing chamber disposed within the housing; and

 a drawer for supplying coffee pads into the brewing chamber, the drawer being removably and detachably connected to the housing,

 wherein the drawer can be inserted substantially horizontally into a niche of the coffee machine and the drawer has at least one opening in its base which, in the closed position of the drawer, is at least partially surrounded by at least one substantially vertically displaceable retaining device so that a coffee pad retainer can be raised by the retaining device and the brewing chamber is closed by raising the coffee pad retainer.

13. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 8, wherein in addition to a central opening, further openings are provided in the bottom of the drawer.

14. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 8, wherein a coffee pad retainer is mounted telescopically on the drawer such that the coffee pad retainer can be moved telescopically from a first position in which the brewing chamber is open, to a second position in which the brewing chamber is closed.

15. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 12, wherein the drawer has guide continuations which project substantially in the direction of insertion and which engage in guides of the housing of the coffee machine for mounting the drawer in an open position.

16. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 15, wherein the ends of the continuations are at least slightly bevelled with respect to the direction of insertion for centering insertion of the drawer.
17. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 12, wherein in a closed position, the drawer abuts at least partly positively against the housing.
18. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 12, wherein in addition to a central opening, further openings are provided in the bottom of the drawer.
19. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 12, wherein a coffee pad retainer is mounted telescopically on the drawer.
20. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 12, further comprising a retainer cover that forms an upper region of the brewing chamber.
21. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 20, wherein the retainer cover is made of an elastic material.
22. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 20, further comprising at least one projection on a bottom side of the retainer cover, the projection being for pressing a coffee pad against the ~~retaining device~~ coffee pad retainer.

23. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 20, further comprising a plurality of projections on a bottom side of the retainer cover, the projections being for pressing a coffee pad against the ~~retaining device~~ coffee pad retainer.

24. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 8, further comprising a retainer cover that forms an upper region of the brewing chamber, and a coffee pad retainer that forms a lower region of the brewing chamber.

25. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 24, wherein the retainer cover is made of an elastic material.

26. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 24, further comprising at least one projection on a bottom side of the retainer cover, the projection being for pressing a coffee pad against the ~~retaining device~~ coffee pad retainer.

27. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 24, further comprising a plurality of projections on a bottom side of the retainer cover, the projections being for pressing a coffee pad against the ~~retaining device~~ coffee pad retainer.

28. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim [[8]] 24, further comprising ~~a coffee pad retainer; and~~ a substantially vertically displaceable retaining device that raises the coffee pad retainer to close the brewing chamber.